Supplementary Information

A structural *exposé of* **noncanonical molecular reactivity within the protein tyrosine phosphatase WPD loop**

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Supplementary Figure 1. The canonical catalytic reaction mechanism of cysteine-based protein tyrosine phosphatase (PTP). Substrate hydrolysis is assisted by a catalytic general acid/base, typically an aspartate from the WPD loop. A thiophosphate intermediate is formed during catalysis. In the next step, an aspartate residue (or glutamate in some cases) activates a water molecule for nucleophilic attack upon a thiophosphate intermediate. A free phosphate ion is formed.

Supplementary Figure 2. Overall structure of *At***PFA-DSP149-215**. **a**, A structure-based, manual alignment of the amino-acid sequences of the WPD loops of PTP1B and PTPN12 (WPD motif highlighted in bold font), plus the sequences of corresponding loops in proteins that each lack the WPD motif. PDB numbers given in parentheses. The arrow highlights a conserved Pro residue that may act as a hinge to help direct the range of motion of the loop. **b**, Ribbon diagram of *AtPFA-DSP1*49-215 in complex with trapped Pi. Coloring and naming of structural elements correspond to those previously used for *Sc*Siw14 1 : grey for P-loop, cyan for α5-α6 loop, purple for WPD-loop, and yellow for the remainder. The Pi is depicted in ball and stick format (phosphorus is colored orange, and oxygen is red) **c**, Surface representation colored to match the structural elements shown in panel a. **d,** Gel filtration analysis. The apparent molecular weight is 22.0 kDa which is consistent with the theoretical monomeric molecule weight 19.6 kDa. **e,** Superimposition of Cα traces of *Sc*Siw14116-281 (PDB accession code 6BYF; transparent white) and *At*PFA-DSP149-215 (PDB accession code 7MOK; yellow). **f,** Sequence alignment of *At*PFA-DSP149-215 and

*Sc*Siw14112-281. The secondary structural elements are also given above the alignment. **g**, Candidate orthologs of *At*PFA-DSP1 identified through a BLAST search of several plant genomes assembled into the EnsemblPlants database (https://plants.ensembl.org). These sequences were aligned with Clustal Omega. The indicated loop sequences are those identified for AtPFA-DSP1. Accession numbers are as follows: *Zm*, *Zea mays*, Zm00001eb095500_P001; *Os*, *Oryza sativa*, ASM465v1; *Dc*, *Daucus carota* ASM162521v1; *Pp*, *Populus trichocarpa* POPTR_014G159100v3; *Rc, Rosa chinensis,* RchiOBHm-V2; *Cs*, *Cannabis sativa* evm.TU.10.1109.

Supplementary Figure 3. HPLC analysis of the activity of WT and C150S *At***PFA-DSP149-215 towards 5- [3 H]InsP7**. HPLC analysis of enzyme assays was performed as described in the Methods; 3 H-elution profiles were exported from the in-line BetaRam radioisotope detector into SigmaPlot, which performed Loess smoothing and peak integrations. A representative dataset is shown. Mean values of reaction rates for the WT and C150S mutant are (means \pm standard errors from 6 independent experiments): 593 \pm 54 and 0.15 \pm 0.03 nmol min⁻¹ mg⁻¹ respectively. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 4. Orientations of various *At***PFA-DSP1 ligands and their interactions with His155.** In the stick format graphics, phosphorus is orange, oxygen is red, and nitrogen is dark blue (unless otherwise indicated), and the coloration of the protein reflects various structural elements, i.e., P-loop: carbon is gray, σ5/σ6 loop, carbon is cyan; σ6 helix, carbon is gold. Polar contacts are depicted with broken black lines. Panel **a** shows polar contacts that involve residue His155 when the catalytic pocket contains Pi(A). Panel **b** shows polar contacts that involve residue His155 and D191 when 5-InsP7 is bound. Panel **c** is a superimposition of bound 5-InsP7 and the β-IN pose of 5-PP-InsP4. Panel **d** is a superimposition of 5-PP-InsP4 in the β-IN (lavender) and β-OUT (green) orientations (the centers of each carbon ring are 1.4 Å apart). Panels **e** show polar contacts that involve His155 and D191 when the catalytic pocket contains 5-PP-InsP4 β-IN. Panels **f** and **g** show β-factor values (rainbow format: dark blue = 20, red = 120) for 5-PP-InsP4 in the β-OUT and β-IN orientations, respectively. Panels **h** show polar contacts that involve His155 and D191 when the catalytic pocket contains 5-PP-InsP4 β-OUT. Source data are provided as PDB accession code 7MOH.

Supplementary Figure 5. Structures of the catalytic pockets of selected PTPs with either Pi or a sulfate ion. a, *At*PFA-DSP149-215,C150S in complex with PP-InsP4 OUT (not shown) and Pi in pose B. **b**, *Vv*WzbCys9Ala in complex Pi in pose B (PDB: 7DHF). **c**, **d**, PTPMT1 (PDB: 3RGO) and MTMR6 (PDB: 2YFO) respectively, each of which contains a sulfate ion in a configuration that closely mimics the Pi(B) conformation. **e,** superimposition of sulfate, in crystal complex with *Sc*Siw14 (PDB: 6E3B), upon Pi(A) (see Fig 2a in the main text; dark gray) and Pi(B) (see Fig. 5a in the main text; light gray) in complex with *At*PFA-DSP1. In each panel, relevant aspects of each protein are shown in a mixture of ribbon and stick formats. Nitrogens are blue, oxygens are red, and sulfur is orange. Broken black lines depict polar interactions with the bound ion, depicted in stick and ball format.

Supplementary Figure 6. Molecular dynamics simulations of global and local fluctuations of *At***PFA-DSP149-** ²¹⁵. Four separate $2\mu s$ molecular dynamics simulations were initiated with a crystal complex of $AtPFA-DSP1^{49-215}$ with Pi(A) as the ligand (PDB accession code 7MOK; Supplementary Table 1). **a**, the root mean square deviations of the heavy backbone atoms of *At*PFA-DSP149-215; simulation a is the source of the data given in Fig. 5d,e in the main text. The colors of each trace are retained in Supplementary Figures 9 and 10 to facilitate comparisons. **b**, root mean square fluctuations for backbone $C\alpha$ atoms; line coloring corresponds to each of the simulations shown in

panel **a**. The WPD-loop, P-loop and α5α6-loops are highlighted with purple, gray and blude shading, respectively. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 7. Dynamic cross correlation matrix obtained from molecular dynamics simulations of *At***PFA-DSP149-215.** The data in panel a are derived from the simulation provided in Fig. 5 d,e in the main text. Data in panels b, c and d were derived from the simulations b,c and d described in Supplementary Fig. 6. Dynamic cross correlations between residue pairs (presented as a heat map) were calculated from the distances between their $C\alpha$ atoms. The central horizontal bar is the key to the heat map that represents the degree of correlation (blue) or anticorrelation (red). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 8. Molecular dynamics simulations of phosphate mobility inside the catalytic center of *At***PFA-DSP149-215.** Panel **a**, initial configuration of Pi(A) for the simulations, in relation to the P-loop plane (see also Fig. 5e in the main text). Panels **b**, **c** and **d** depict the simulated movements of individual atoms of di-anionic Pi, relative to the fixed P-loop plane; data were sourced from simulations b,c and d described in Supplementary Fig. 6a. Horizontal bars illustrate the switching between Pi poses A (white) and B (black). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 9. Simulated ionic interactions between bound Pi and P-loop residues in *At***PFA-DSP149-215.** The data in panel a are sourced from the simulation shown in Fig. 5 d,e in the main text.. Data in panels b, c and d were derived from Supplementary Fig. 6a,b (simulations b, c and d respectively; the same color coding is retained). Horizontal bars illustrate the switching between Pi poses A (black) and B (white). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 10. Distributions of atomic distances from Pi atoms to the P-loop plane of *At*PFA-**DSP149-215.** These data are collected from all four simulations (Supplementary Fig. 5a). The left-hand y-axis shows the positional distribution of phosphorous (P; black line) and all four oxygens (O; red line). The right-hand y-axis shows the number density of phosphorous (P; blue line) and all oxygen atoms (green line). The source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 11. Analysis of the catalytic environment for *At***PFA-DSP1 in the absence of an**

Asp/Glu catalytic acid. Data are shown from ligand/enzyme crystal complexes of *At*PFA-DSP149-215; C150S. Panel **ac**, describe the positions of 5-PP-InsP₄, 6-InsP₇ and phenyl phosphate ('Phenyl-P') respectively. Pink spheres depict Wat1 (which is not found in the complex with Phenyl-P). The omit Fo-Fc electron density maps are contoured at 3σ and shown in green mesh. Contacts are highlighted with black dashed line and distances are in Å. Panel **d** is a superimposition of bound 5-InsP7 (white stick) and Phenyl-P (blue stick). Panel **e** is a superimposition of enzymebound 5-InsP7 and PTP1B (marine blue) with bound peptide-tyrosine (colored blue and red) from Asp-Ala-Asp-Glu-Tyr-Leu-Tyr (PDB accession code: 3I7Z). Water is shown in green or light pink. Vanadium is shown in brown.

Supplementary Figure 12. Electron density maps modeled on either MgF₃ or a metaphosphate (PO₃). In these stick format graphics, magnesium is colored dark green, fluoride is colored cyan, phosphorus is orange and oxygen is red. The 2mFo-FC maps (blue mesh) are contoured at 1.5σ. The modeled Fo-Fc electron density maps are contoured at 3σ (green mesh) and -3σ (red mesh). Panels **a** and **b** are obtained from experiments with *At*PFA-DSP149-215 (PDB accession code 7MOM). Panels **c** and **d** were obtained from experiments with *At*PFA-DSP149-215; C150S (PDB accession code 7MOJ).

Supplementary Figure 13. A metaphosphate-like intermediate captured in *At***PFA-DSP149-215; C150S.** Crystal complexes were generated by soaking 5-InsP7 into the *At*PFA-DSP149-215; C150S mutant for 2 days at pH 7.2 followed by 1 day at pH 10 (PDB Accession code 7MOJ). Relevant amino acid residues are shown in stick format, the metaphosphate is shown in stick and ball format (phosphorus is orange; oxygens are red), and the water molecule Wat2 is shown as a purple sphere. The distance between Wat2 and phosphorous in Å is indicated by the broken red line. Other distances that are polar interactions are depicted as broken gray lines. The omit Fo-Fc electron density map is contoured at 4σ and shown in green mesh. His155 is shown in N*^ε*² -protonated *τ* tautomer state.

Supplementary Figure 14. Analysis of 5-InsP7 and 1,5-InsP8 by capillary electrophoresis mass spectrometry. Panel **a** shows data for 5-InsP₇ (purple trace; retention time = 21.9 min) and < 5% impurities (blue trace) of InsP₆ (retention time = 23.1 min) and a neutral loss fragment during ionization of 5 -InsP₇ (retention time = 21.9 min). Panel b shows data for 1,5-InsP₈ (retention time 23.5 min) with <1% impurity.

Supplementary Table 1. Structural data collection and refinement statistics. *The numbers in parentheses are given for the highest resolution shell.

Supplementary Table 2. Gaussian charges. Charges were calculated using the CM5 method using gaussian.09.

Supplementary Table 3. Gaff2 atom type and atomic charge parameters applied to the phosphate ion.

Supplementary Reference

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